

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Final Office Action mailed February 23, 2004 and offers the following remarks to accompany the above amendments.

Applicant herein amends claim 4 to include the subject matter of allowable claim 6. Claim 6 is canceled as redundant in light thereof. Amended claim 4 should now be in a condition for allowance. Applicant further amends independent claims 10, 13, 26, 39, and 44 to include the subject matter of claim 6. These amendments should also place claims 10-14, 26-28, 39, and 44-46 in condition for allowance.

A few administrative amendments are made to claims 10, 13, 26, 39, and 44 so that the incorporation of the subject matter of claim 6 is internally consistent within the claim.

Claims 4, 10-12, 14, 26-28, 39, 44, and 46 are also amended to provide proper antecedent basis and correct minor grammatical errors. The scope of the claims has not changed as a result of the amendments, and no new matter has been added.

New claims 50-83 are added to reintroduce subject matter canceled during the restriction. However, this subject matter now depends from allowable claims and likewise should be in a condition for allowance. No new matter is added.

In light of the indication that the subject matter of claim 6 is allowable, and this subject matter is now present in the independent claims, the rejections of the claims under Gunnarsson '919 and Ramsey as well as the rejections of the claims under Gunnarsson '919 and Bonhert et al. are moot. Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection in light of the amendments presented herein and earnestly solicits claim allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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